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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: FPOR, EEC, XF, ENRG

SUBJECT: EC-ARAB COOPERATION INITIATIVE

REF: STATE 037780

1. DURING FEBRUARY 28 CONVERSTATION, DCM MADE POINTS IN  
REFTEL TO ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL  
AFFAIRS DUCCI.

2. DUCCI REACTED TO US APPREHENSION THAT EC INITIATIVE  
TOWARD ARABS MIGHT CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR US PEACE EFFORTS BY  
STRESSING THAT IT WOULD REQUIRE A LONG TIME FOR EUROPEAN  
INITIATIVE TOWARD ARABS TO EVOLVE, AND THEREFORE, EC INITIATIVE

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WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT RUN COUNTER TO US EFFORTS. HE INDICATED

A CERTAIN VAGUENESS ABOUT WHAT WOULD REALLY BE DISCUSSED AND NOTED THAT EC PROPOSAL DIRECTED TO ARAB LEAGUE, MANY OF WHOSE MEMBERS ARE NOT REPEAT NOT OIL PRODUCERS OR INVOLVED IN MID EAST PEACE CONFERENCE. ON THE OTHER HAND, DUCCI FIRMLY BELIEVES THAT EUROPE (HE MENTIONED ALSO NON-EC COUNTRIES) HAS A VALID AND IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE MID EAST OVER THE LONG TERM.

3. WITH RESPECT TO THE IMMEDIATE ISSUE DUCCI DID NOT REPEAT NOT PRECLUDE THAT A DECISION TO MAKE A FIRST MOVE TOWARD ARABS COULD BE TAKEN AT MARCH 4-5 EC MINISTERIAL. VOLPE

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